

By the COMPANY
Of the Royal Fishery of ENGLAND.

FOrasmuch as all Persons who may be desirous to Promote the Fishery Affairs under the Management of this Company, may not have the conveniency of Resorting to the place in *London*, where the Books for Subscription of the Stock proposed for carrying on the same shall be exposed; and wherein (for the Satisfaction and Encouragement of such as please to peruse the same) is contained a fair Transcript of the Letters Patents, Constitution or Frame of Government, and Articles, Terms or Conditions upon which All and Singular Persons may be Admitted into the said Company, and be Traders and Adventurers with them: And to the End the said Affair may become as General and National as may be; The Company hath thought fit to cause the Premises to be Abbreviated, Printed, and Published, in these Presents; That such as shall be willing to be concerned therein, may have the substance of the Contents before them for their Consideration, *viz.*

First, *The Abstract of the Letters Patents for their Incorporation, which is as followeth, viz.*

HIS late Majesty, King *Charles* the Second, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing Date the 25th. day of *September*, 1677. was pleased to Constitute His Royal Highness, *James* Duke of *York*, *Thomas* Earl of *Danby*, and several other Persons of Honour; and others therein Named, and such others as afterwards from time to time should be Admitted into their Company and Society, to be Traders and Adventurers with them, to be One Body Politick and Corporate in Deed and in Name: By the Name of, **The Company of the Royal Fishery of ENGLAND**: To have perpetual Succession, Investing them and their Successors, with divers Powers and Priviledges, in order to the better Government of the said Company, and Management of their Affairs. And more particularly (amongst others)

I. To meet Yearly for the Electing and Appointing a Governour, Sub-Governour, Deputy-Governour, and 12 Committees for a Court of Assistants; who, or any Three, or more of them (whereof the Governour, Sub-Governour, or Deputy-Governour to be always One) are thereby Authorized to Act in all things according to such Rules, Orders, and

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II. That no Assembly or Meeting of the said Company shall be deemed a General Court, unless the Governour, Sub-Governour, or Deputy-Governour, Six of the said Committees, and Five other Members of the said Company at least be present.

III. That such General Court may admit other Persons to be Members, and may Increase, Contract, or Divide their joynt Stock, as they shall think fit : And the Members thereof may Grant, Transfer, and Assign their respective Stocks.

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V. That they may Fish in and upon all the Coasts, Creeks, In-lets, Rivers, Arms of the Sea, belonging to His Majesty's Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, or any of them ; or any other His Majesty's Dominions, whereof the Fishings are not already Granted, Appropriated, or belonging to some particular or private Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate ; and likewise in and upon the Main Sea, or any part thereof : And have free and full Liberty to Carry and Transport their Fish, and Oyl made of Fish, to all Ports, Places, and Markets, both in *England* and beyond the Seas, and to Sell the same for ready Moneys or Commodities.

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VII. They have also granted to them 20 *l.* for each and every Dogger which they then had, and which (within 7 Years) they should Build in *England*, or any other His Majesty's Dominions, the same to be paid Quarterly out of the Customs within the Port of *London*, without further Warrant or Directions from His Majesty.

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And for want of such Orders, may do and execute all things as the General Court may.

Seet. 3. That for the more Distinct and Regular Management of the said Affairs, the said Court of Assistants are divided into 4 Chambers, *viz.*

- (1.) The Fishery Chamber.
- (2.) The Stock or Store Chamber.
- (3.) The Treasury or Cash Chamber.
- (4.) The Accompt Chamber.

Each of which is to consist of the Governour, Sub-Governour, Deputy-Governour, and their respective Assistants, or one of them. One Director and his Assistant; two Masters and

their Assistants, and two Wardens; who, or any three or more of them to be a *Quorum*, are to Act and Execute by Rules and Instructions, to be given unto them under the Seal of the Company, and not otherwise, in their severall and respective Chambers.

Seet. 4. That there be other 28 Members of the Company, who shall be called Agents or Officers; and be employed in the respective 4 Chambers, as they shall be directed by the Court of Assistants.

Seet. 5. That the Nomination and Election of the Governour, Sub-Governour, Deputy-Governour, and 12 Committees, shall be in and by the General Court Yearly, save that not above 5 of them shall be removed in any one Year, but for just Causes exprest, &c. The 8 Wardens and other Agents, Officers, or Commissioners for *England, Scotland, and Ireland*, to be Nominated by the Court of Assistants, or 16 of them.

Seet. 6. That within 20 days after Publication of Subscriptions of 150 Thousand Pounds, a General Court shall be called for the Election of a Sub-Governour, or Deputy-Governour, and 4 Committees, by the New Subscribers: And afterwards Elections to be made on the 30 of *November* Yearly, wherein not above 5 Committees to be Removed, as afore said.

Seet. 7. The Articles, Terms or Conditions touching the admitting of Persons into the Company are confirmed, as a part of the Constitution inviolably to be observed.

Seet. 8. That all Subscribers, who shall not be chosen for Managers, &c. shall be Denominated as Traders or Adventurers, and their respective Shares, both as to Profit and Loss, Yearly stated and determined, as other the Stock of the Company.

Seet. 9. That no Member of the Company, after the 30 of *November* next after Subscriptions are compleated, shall have any Vote in Elections or making Laws, &c. who shall not have 500*l.* Subscribed, &c. Nor any Person be admitted a Member of the Court of Assistants, who shall not have 1000*l.* Subscribed, &c. or be otherwise entituled to the like Sum, by Transfer, Assignment, or otherwise.

Seet. 10. One Tenth Part of the clear neat Profits is set apart for bearing

ing the Charges of the Company, Court of Assistants, and 4 Chambers, &c. also to pay Sallaries, &c. to the Managing Members, Officers, or Servants; and the Distributions and Proportions of each are thereby settled.

Sect. 11. The Accompts of Profit and Loss are to be Yearly stated by the Officers in the Accompt-Chambers, each Year to end on the 10th. of June; the Court of Assistants are to Examine and Report the same to the General Court, on the 10th. of September following: And 9 of them to Sign the brief Account thereof, and each Ones Share of Profits to be paid amongst the Persons concerned.

Sect. 12. In case of Loss in any one Year, the Stock is to be made good out of the next, before any Dividend, or Apportionment to Managers, Officers, &c. save that Servants Sallaries or Wages of 30 l. per An. and under, may be advanced out of the Stock, and re-imbursed out of the next Years Profits; And, in case the Profits of any first Years shall not amount to 100 l. each Share, the same shall also be made up out of the after Years Profits assigned for that purpose.

Sect. 13. Mentions, In what cases Persons may be dismiss their Offices and Employments; and that the General Court, or Court of Assistants Judgment shall be final for the Determination thereof.

Sect. 14. Sets the Fines on such as shall absent themselves from their Attendance, when Summoned, or upon Adjournments, or for not attending so many Hours as shall be agreed upon; unless in case of Corporal Illness, or License from their respective Chambers.

Sect. 15. Directs the Custody of the Larger Seal, as also of the Letters Patents, Deeds, Evidences of Lands granted to the Company, to be kept locked up in the Treasury-Chamber under two Locks; whereof the Governour, Sub-Governour, Deputy-Governour, and Directors, to have the Keys of one, and their respective Assistants of the other, who are to produce the same upon all occasions of the Company or Court of Assistants: Also that the Trustees, and each Chamber, the Secretary of the Company, and the respective Commissioners, or Agents, for Scotland and Ireland, are to have one of the Lesser Seals, to be used by them respectively in the Company's Service.

Sect. 16. If any Differences shall arise between the Members of the Court of Assistants, or several Chambers relating to the Company's Affairs, they are to be Determined by the General Court, &c. And the Refusers to submit thereto, to be dismiss their Offices and Employments.

Sect. 17. The Seven Trustees are named and settled, and three of the other Assistants: The other five Assistants are to be Elected by them out of such as shall become Subscribers to the New Stock of the Company. Their after-nomination and succession is also agreed to be in, by, and amongst themselves, or the major part of the whole fifteen.

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Thirdly, *The Abstract of the Forementioned Articles, Terms, or Conditions, touching Subscriptions, viz.*

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Memorandum, That the Substance of what is contained in most of the Treatises above referred unto, is in a Treatise, Entituled, *A Collection, with some Observations touching the Royal Fishery of Great Britain and Ireland*. Transcribed and newly Printed by Allowance of the Company, and may be had at divers Book-sellers in this City and *Westminster*. Also, The Books will be opened for further Subscriptions, on Monday Morning, the 4th. day of November next, and so from day to day, at ~~Mercers Hall in Chancery, London~~, until the Stock Proposed be compleated: Which all Persons who intend to be concerned therein, are desired to take Notice of.

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